

COUNTERFEITERS' NEW SCHEME

How the Smooth Demonstrator Gets His Victim's Coin.

"One of the latest schemes of the counterfeit money swindlers is to show guillible people a machine with which they can print for themselves large size bills, imitative of Government currency," said Capt. S. F. Rhodes, formerly of the secret service. "This money producing machine has a smooth demonstrator who will, after getting a prospective victim interested, turn the crank and rind out a \$20 note, which, it is needless to say, is genuine. The victim shows the bill to a bank cashier, and hears it pronounced good, and his mercenary nature being roused, he sees visions of gigantic wealth, and hands over to Mr. Sharp \$500, or at least \$250, for the instrument that is going to make him Rockefeller. It is needless to say that the subsequent specimens turned out are such miserable imitations that they would hardly fool a blind man, but the ignoramus is in a place where he can't make a roar for his lost money.

The Swaying Skyscraper.

Through the chance of perfect adjustment in the way of balance, of row of large photographs that hang on a wall of an office building down town the clerks in the place have a good deal of quiet amusement with persons who visit the place for the first time. Owing to this balance the pictures are easily swayed by the wind that blows through the open windows and since the office force goes in for fresh air the ear round the pictures are never still. The joke lies in catching the horrified expression on the faces of the callers when they get a sight of the swaying frames. Then it is always explained with due solemnity, if the boss is not around that the swaying of the frames is due to the oscillation of the structure. It usually takes some time for the object of the joke to see the point. Meanwhile he has suffered a considerable shock.—Y. World.

Odd South American Animals.

Many curious animals haunt the farby parts of South America north of the pampas. Frogs big and ferocious, given to making vicious springs when closely approached; the capybara, a cavy "contented with the bulk of a sheep"; the huge capybara and the swarthy piglike tapir are frequently seen. Along the forest margins troops of peccaries are often met with, occasionally the jaguar sometimes the puma, likewise the pothless curiosity, the great ant bear, long in claw, long nosed and remarkably long tongued. A familiar object is the great jabiru, a stork with a preference for the desolate lagoons, where it may often be observed statuesque on one leg and trapped in prospect.—Scotman.

The Gingko Tree.

Studies by Miss M. C. Stopes of the fossil flora of Scotland have shown that the gingko or maidenhair tree, native of Japan and China, which cultivated in Europe and this country on account of its remarkable foliage, belongs to an extremely ancient family, of which it is now, apparently, the last surviving representative. At one time it seems to have been widely spread. A singular fact is that the fossil specimens of the gingko, found in the rock beds of the Inferior Oolite series, at Brora, Scotland, are so similar to the living trees that at first sight no difference is apparent. Only an examination of the structure of the cells reveals a variation.—Youth's Companion.

For Pressing Plaited Skirts.

Plaited skirts which have been washed are difficult to press. Time and expense may be saved by having to work done after the following method, which is for plaited skirts especially. Before the skirt has become badly creased or rumpled run a basting thread, using short, even stitches, down the entire length of each crease which marks the folds of the plait. By this means, after the skirt has been washed, the proper location of each fold can readily be determined, and the pressing done successfully.

Balzac in Church Pew.

The woman who had left a volume of Balzac in the church pew on a rainy meeting night felt a little bit ashamed when she asked for the book, but the sexton assured her she need not feel that way. "Many things are left in the church," he said, "and some of them are a whole lot less respectable than Balzac. After each service the pews yield a strange grist of forgotten or discarded articles."

A Clever Bear.

A noted ethnologist observed in Vienna a bear deliberately making with his paw, a current in some water which was close to the bars of his cage so as to draw a piece of floating bread within his reach. These actions of the bear could hardly be attributed to instinct or inherited habit, as they would be of little use to an animal in a state of nature.

Quill Toothpicks.

The largest quill toothpick factory in the world is near Paris, where there is an annual product of 20,000,000 quills. The factory was started to make quill pens, but when they went out of general use it was converted into a toothpick mill.

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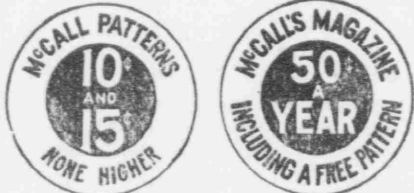
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SPAIN'S KING A YACHT RACER.

Alfonso Has Engaged Capt. Stephen Barbrook, a British Seaman, as Sailing Master.

London.—Tollesbury, a little seaside town in the county of Essex, England, is bursting with pride over a signal honor which has been bestowed on one of its sons—Stephen Barbrook. He has been appointed captain of the king of Spain's new racing yacht, Hispania, and has just departed from his native town to wrestle with the Spanish language and a partly—Spanish crew at San Sebastian. When his mastery of the language is complete, he will be



Capt. Stephen Barbrook.

able to mix strange Spanish oaths in his talk quite after the manner of the old Elizabethan sea captains.

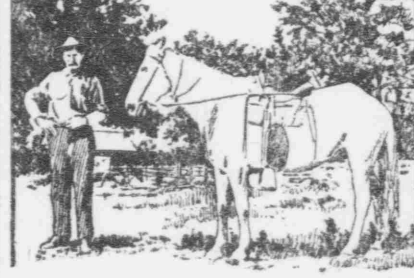
His chief task at present is licking the "Hispania" and her crew into shape for the Cowes regatta, at which her royal owner has entered her for several races, and he will be assisted in his task by several Tollesbury men, who have gone with him as part of the crew. The course is well known to him, for as recently as last year he steered Sir James Pender's Brynild to victory there, and besides he has won some four hundred prizes in the last four years in yacht racing. So, if the Hispania behaves herself, and "the little cherub that sits up aloft" does likewise, his Spanish majesty stands a good chance to carry off some prizes during the coming yachting season.

Tollesbury is a home of sea dogs. Capt. Barbrook's father is one of the oldest of them, and now surely the proudest. His son has loved the sea since his boyhood; took to it like the smallest duckling to the neighboring pond, and has lived on it and near it ever since. He is well known among yachting men and such authorities as Sir Thomas Lipton, Sir James Pender and Mr. Fife were amongst those who sang his praises to King Alfonso.

A PONY THAT HUNTS MINES.

Arkansas Steed Has Brought Owner Tidy Sum—Leaves Kentucky Thoroughbreds Behind.

Kansas City.—Sometimes the shaggy "cow" pony is worth as much as the pedigreed race horse. In Mountain Home, Ark., there is Ol' Paddy to furnish the example. Though this cow pony is only 15 years old he has brought William D. Napier, his owner, \$12,000 in fees for services in locating mine claims. That means 30,000 acres of zinc and lead lands valued at al-



most a million dollars. Ol' Paddy raced on to the claims long after the sleek horses from Kentucky had dropped from exhaustion. He has made from 100 to 116 miles in twenty-four hours—Ozark miles, up hill and down, over some of the roughest roads in the west. In one year he has gone more than 6,000 miles, and in the total of his services may have covered 24,000 miles.

Jerry South, formerly Lieutenant governor of Arkansas, adds another feature to the account of Ol' Paddy's record. "More miles, and faster than any other horse in northern Arkansas, perhaps," he says. "And certainly—on less feed!"

Fly on Baby's Nose. Mother's angel child was sitting with his toys upon the floor; mother peacefully was knitting on the wee one's clothing store. Came a housefly softly singing, perched upon the window pane; then with busy, buzzing, winging, circled 'round the room again. Baby watched it as it flitted, clapped his hands and cried: "Ah-goo." Mother smiled as she knitted—smiled as only mothers do. Mr. Fly now paused, the sinner; combed his hair and brushed his clothes; and in his search of fun or danger lighted on the infant's nose. Mother turned—her instinct led her; gazed upon the little tot; saw the deadly microbe spreader, screamed and fainted on the spot. Moral: Swat 'em.—Minneapolis Messenger.

WILL HONOR HAMLIN

Native State to Celebrate Centenary of His Birth.

Known as "The Great Commoner" and Won Hearts of People by Fight Against Slavery—Vice-President Under Lincoln.

Paris Hill, Me.—In Paris Hill, a spot so picturesque that it has been called the "Switzerland of Maine," the centenary of the birth of Hannibal Hamlin, vice-president of the United States during Lincoln's first term, will be celebrated on August 27. The exercises will be held in connection with the first old-home week in Maine, and will bring to the birthplace of the most beloved son of the Pine Tree state not only distinguished statesmen of the day, but also soldiers who fought in the civil war and men who were conspicuous in the affairs of the state of that period. This gathering perhaps will be one of the last of men who gained fame in the fight for the freedom of the negro. The Loyal Legion of Maine will erect a bronze tablet to Hamlin, and the exercises promise to be unique and to emphasize the services of such a man to his country.

No more picturesque spot could be found in the country than the Paris Hill. The view from the old home in which Hamlin was born takes in the Androscoggin valley, thick, broken by forests and villages, stretches to the ranges of hills and mountains that almost encompass Paris Hill. The foothills of the White mountains are discernible to the west, and on a clear summer day the White mountains themselves can be seen in the distance.

Hannibal Hamlin, historians say, is Maine's greatest man of the nine-



Hannibal Hamlin.

teenth century. The Pine Tree state has had her favorite sons. James G. Blaine was one; Thomas B. Reed was another, but none of them ever caught at the tendrils of the hearts of the men of Maine as did Hamlin. "The Great Commoner," he was called, and Reed, who for years fought him bitterly in politics, but who after a chance meeting with him became his ardent admirer, said of him: "He never learned to tell a lie or to be dishonest. He simply couldn't lie." Hamlin won the hearts of the people by his bitter fight against slavery and he proved his courage by leaving the Democratic party when it fell into the control of the supporters of slave traffic. He could have been candidate for the presidency in 1856, but refused it. He accepted the nomination for vice-president in 1860 on the ticket with Lincoln and became Lincoln's trusted counsellor and adviser in the four years of the struggle between the north and the south. To him Lincoln showed his "Emancipation Proclamation" before issuing it and received from him suggestions in the wording of it which he accepted. That he was not nominated for vice-president for Lincoln's second term and therefore did not become a president of the United States is almost as strange a political accident as the one that put Roosevelt in the presidential chair at the death of President McKinley.

Friends of Andrew Johnson gained his nomination, much to Lincoln's chagrin, by circulating the report that Lincoln did not want Hamlin and favored Johnson. While Col. A. K. McClure, Charles A. Dana and several others insisted Lincoln told them he did not want Hamlin on the ticket, such men as John Hay, who was Lincoln's private secretary, insisted that the story was not true and asserted that Col. McClure was not an intimate friend of the martyred president, finally giving Hamlin the fullest vindication.

Hamlin was a member of the house of representatives at 32, and at 33 he lost election to the United States senate because of his attitude on the slave question. His defeat only roused him to greater activity against the growth of slavery. He was elected to the United States senate in 1848 and re-elected in 1850. In 1856 he was elected governor of Maine. He was hailed as one of the fathers of the Republican party in 1860 and he could not decline the nomination for the vice-presidency.

Although holding office as vice-president he enlisted at the outbreak of the war as a private himself. He refused a commission, but trained with the soldiers and inspired them by his acts. He went with them to the front and while he engaged in no battles he traveled with the army as personal representative of Lincoln. He reported to Lincoln as to the condition of the army and always was Lincoln's friend and counsellor.